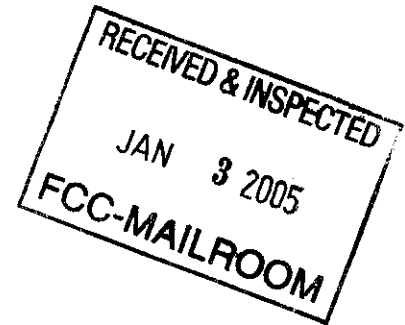


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Re: Cell phone usage during flights

Dear sirs;

Picture yourself in the middle seat of a flight, fully packed, with a seat configuration 3-5-3 during a 5 hour flight Los Angeles to Washington, DC or New York. The person seated next to you babbles on their cell phone the whole trip and people in rows ahead or behind doing the same!

As you know for some reason, they tend to talk more loudly when they are in crowded places. There is NO escape! Once you start usage during flights you won't be able to stop the process. You can't restrict them to segregated space as smokers had in the past nor could you use a \$50 dollar surcharge. Pity the flight attendants.

I fly a lot both domestic and international. Please don't permit in-flight cell phone use. If someone must talk, let them still use the phones in the seat backs.

Yours respectfully,

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